

**United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York**

Notice Date: November 18, 2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Reappointment of Incumbent Magistrate Judge Orenstein**

The current term of United States Magistrate Judge James Orenstein is due to expire on June 15, 2012. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, as required by law, has established a panel to consider the reappointment of Judge Orenstein to a new eight (8) year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include the following:

1. conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2. trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3. conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;
4. trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and
5. assignment of additional duties not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

See 28 U.S.C. Section 636.

Comments from members of the Bar and the public are invited to the Court's Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the Panel to the Court for reappointment. Comments submitted should be directed to:

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel  
c/o Clerk of Court  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Comments must be received no later than January 13, 2012.**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Chief Judge Carol B. Amon announced today that the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York have appointed a Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of James Orenstein, incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York, for a new eight (8) year term after the current term ends on June 15, 2012. The Panel will review the incumbent's performance as Magistrate Judge and will consider comments received from members of the Bar and public and any other pertinent evidence as to the incumbent's good character, judgment, legal ability, temperament, and commitment to equal justice under the law. All written comments received by the Panel will be carefully considered. Written comments should be directed to:

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The Panel members are:

Robert L. Begleiter, Chairman  
Ernest T. Bartol  
Joan Wexler  
Henry Kennedy  
Steven Dean  
Richard C. Hamburger  
Margaret Krumholz  
Roseann B. MacKechnie  
Henry Putzel  
Manuel Quintana  
Diane Russo  
Joseph P. Ryan, Jr.  
Paul H. Schoeman  
Paul Siegfried, Esq.  
Jean L. Tom  
Carol L. Ziegler, Esq.

Within ninety (90) days from its appointment, the Panel must report to the Court as to whether it recommends the incumbent for reappointment for an additional term of office. All comments must be received by **January 13, 2012**.